



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



June 30, 2009

Dear friends,

We greet you once again in the wonderful name of Jesus! Yesterday was our forty-sixth wedding anniversary! We celebrate God's goodness, faithfulness, mercy and abundant grace! I (John) especially thank God that he gave Jackie grace to live with me for all these years, and we celebrate the fact that we are still deeply in love with each other! We continue to accept each other as we are, choosing patience and mercy, and taking life one day at a time. More than ever, our basic plan for life is to *trust in the Lord with all our heart, and not lean to our own understanding; in all our ways we acknowledge Him, and we trust Him to direct our path.*

John travels to Ukraine July 21

By God's grace, I will be at the annual Congress of the Churches of Praise, as well as minister in some of the churches. Pastor Roger Sutch and Ken Beaudry are also going.

The Churches of Praise in Ukraine are doing well. As we have written before, the last two years have been a time for strengthening the many churches that were opened so rapidly. We thank God for pastors Gregory and Galina, for the senior leaders who serve so faithfully, and for the men and women who minister as soldiers for Jesus in the villages and cities of Ukraine. We see a new crop of ministers rise up each year, and thank God for the privilege of pointing them to their foundations in Christ, and cheering them on in the work God is calling them to do!

I want to bring with me an offering for the Congress of at least \$5000, to help transport, feed and house the church planters from far off villages. \$2000 of this has come in so far. *Please mark your offering for this on the enclosed form.*

Here is a note from pastor Gregory that I received yesterday:

"Dear John and Jackie!!

"Peace be with you!! Everything is great here. We don't have anything to worry about, but of course as in any ministry there are things to work on. On the 13th and 14th of July, Benny Hinn will come to Dnipropetrovsk. So we are working hard on preparations. We evangelize and also

we are helping with the choir. Benny Hinn likes it when a lot of people are singing with him, so we want to have 2000 people that will sing with him. These people will come from different churches of Ukraine.

"We are sending 170 people for the choir and 80 ushers. In total we are bringing 2000 people to that conference.

"Also we are working on the Congress. And we are very excited about this event, and your coming.

"We had our monthly pastor's conference recently and the theme was "Practical Christianity". It was powerful.

"As I was reading the themes that you sent for the preaching of Ken and Roger and yourself during the Congress, I agreed with the main theme you gave, which is "Faith that moves mountains" Pastors and missionaries need their faith to be built up!

"We can't wait to see you!

"Blessings, Gregory

Health update for John...

Recently, I (John) had my yearly physical. After a series of tests an angiogram was ordered. One week ago, during the angiogram, they discovered an artery with eighty-five percent blockage and inserted a stent. All went well and the procedure, they say, prevented a future serious heart attack. Though my cholesterol level and blood pressure had been within normal criteria, the criteria now changes to much lower levels; therefore a very strict diet must be followed (low fat, low cholesterol, low salt), with proper exercise and prescribed medicine.

We are grateful to the Lord for His provision to prevent a crisis, and we trust the Lord for the health of my heart.

We thank God for you, and for your prayer and for your financial giving. You are a great blessing!

With love,
John and Jackie